

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Unified School District (“the District”) exists for the purpose of providing a free public education to Arizona children;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is charged with the supervision and governance of the District, including the authority to employ persons necessary to carry out the functions of the District;

WHEREAS, the provision of education to District students requires the efforts of many staff, including educational support personnel (“Support Staff”), sometimes also known as Classified Staff;

WHEREAS, the import and value of the efforts and contributions made by Support Staff to the high quality of services provided to students in the Amphitheater District cannot be overstated;

WHEREAS, those efforts and contributions are made evident every day in every school and facility throughout the District, with just some examples being the clerk who answers questions and helps families navigate the “new normal” of pandemic schooling; the central office clerical staff members who earnestly strive to support their school-based colleagues as they adjust to new protocols and new learning methods; the HVAC employee who ensures systems meet or exceed guidelines for proper ventilation; and the food service attendants who provide families with meals that ensure the nutrition of children in difficult times;

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many members of our Support Staff have stepped up to not only fulfill their usual duties in the District but, in some cases, to perform new roles, including supervising students, providing extra custodial services, and helping students and staff navigate new protocols and systems;

WHEREAS, District Support Staff have always been the backbone for schools and departments, the importance of these loyal, committed staff members has become all the more evident in the past year;

WHEREAS, these employees have exhibited flexibility, courage, resilience and loyalty throughout the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the date of April 21, 2021 has been set aside nationally to recognize administrative assistants, one part of the District’s Support Staff;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board sincerely believes that the appreciation of all Support Staff -- indeed all school district staff -- should be ongoing and not limited to one day per year, but yet also recognizes the value that highlighting a particular date for recognition can provide in garnering and focusing public attention on the efforts of educational personnel; and

WHEREAS, the focus and attention of the public can perhaps best be maximized by coordination of and combination of District recognition activities for all Support Staff with those occurring nationally for administrative assistants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amphitheater Unified School District Governing Board that the District hereby recognizes the special everyday contributions of every Support Staff employee of the District and sets apart Wednesday, April 21, 2021 as “Educational Support Staff Appreciation Day” in the District.

The Governing Board invites other school district governing boards to join them in this celebration of the special contributions of school district Support Staff.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 23rd day of March, 2021.

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